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TAGS: PFOR OVIP (HARRIMAN, W. AVERELL) UR

SUBJ: HARRIMAN VISIT

REF: A) MOSCOW 6067; B) STATE 102550

1. WE AGAIN SPOKE TO FEDOSEYEV AT NOON ON MAY 2 ON ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE HARRIMAN DELEGATION. HE CONTINUES TO SAY THAT THE DELEGATION WILL BE HOUSED AT LENIN HILLS, AND CLAIMS AS THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION NIKIFOROV, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECONFIRM THIS INFORMATION THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, HOWEVER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAN ON LENIN HILLS, BUT WILL FOLLOW THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

2. FEDOSEYEV TOOK DOWN GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S WISH TO ATTEND THE BALLET MAY 7 (GISELLE IS BEING DANCED AT THE BOLSHOI). WHEN ASKED WHAT OTHER PLANS THE SOVIETS MIGHT HAVE IN MIND FOR EVENING HOURS FOR THE DELEGATION, HE REPLIED THAT HE COULD TELL US NOTHING BEYOND THAT ALREADY PASSED TO US, AND THAT FURTHER DETAILS WOULD BE WORKED OUT UPON ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATION.

3. WE WILL COMMUNICATE TO DEPARTMENT OUR SUGGESTIONS ON PROGRAM FOR DELEGATION.

4. BOTH TV AND RADIO EXPRESSED WISH ON APRIL 30 TO INTERVIEW HARRIMAN. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS WHEN SOVIET OFFICIALS AGAIN BECOME AVAILABLE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT TASS WOULD ALSO
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BE INTERESTED IN AN INTERVIEW. WE PLAN TO SET UP A MEETING

FOR THE GOVERNOR WITH THE U.S. PRESS CORPS, AND WILL ALSO
ATTEMPT TO SET UP MEETINGS WITH FRIENDLY AND MATVEEV AS
REQUESTED REF. A.

5. AS NOTED PARA.4 REF. A, WE BELIEVE WREATH-LAYING AT TOMB
OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE
SUGGESTIONS ON WORDING ON THE WREATH?
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